

## **Early Start Evaluation and Assessment Timelines**

The Department of Developmental Services (DDS), is providing the public the opportunity to review and comment on a federally mandated regulatory change to Title 17, California Code of Regulations (CCR), Section 52086, subsection (d). This technical change is required in order to comply with federal regulations under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) regarding the provision of early intervention services.

Currently, Title 17, CCR Section 52086(d) allows for, at the parent's request, an extension to the 45 day timeline for completion of the initial evaluation and assessment of eligibility for early intervention services. This extension is not permitted under federal regulations. Therefore, as a condition of receiving federal funding for the provision of early intervention services, DDS is required to revise this regulation.

The revised regulation will be posted for 30 days beginning July 12, 2013 to meet the federal public participation requirements.

Proposed regulations can be [viewed here](#).

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

DDS will accept public input on the change to Title 17, CCR, Section 52086 until August 12, 2013. Persons submitting comments should note that this change is a federal mandate in order for DDS to comply with federal IDEA Part C regulations. Any comments must be received by the DDS contact person listed below prior to 5:00 p.m., August 12, 2013. 1)

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

Public hearings will be conducted on Tuesday, August 13, 2013 and Thursday, August 15, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the DDS headquarters, 1600 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 in Room 360. The public hearings will also be accessible via teleconference at 888-251-2909, Passcode 507301.

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